

WESTERLY

Westerly Historical Society Meets—
Admits Nine to Membership—State
Grange Votes for State Police Force
—Death of William York—Pawcatuck
Lodge, F. and A. M. Election—
Golden Wedding of Former Residents.

President Ethan Wilcox presided at the regular meeting of the Westerly Historical society, held in the Memorial building. After the transaction of routine business, N. Henry Lamphar read a paper of historic value on Old Providence and New London Turnpike. It was announced that at the next meeting, President Wilcox would read a paper on Lubrant. Development in Westerly. No one is as well qualified to handle this subject as Mr. Wilcox, as he was librarian of the old Pawcatuck library, and was active librarian of the Westerly public library from its start up to five years ago, when he became a librarian emeritus. The historical society is increasing in membership with every meeting and these candidates were elected to membership: Benjamin L. Evans, Mrs. Mary Frost Evans, Thomas McKenzie, Mrs. Gertrude McKenzie, Mrs. Wayland Lewis, William D. Hoxie, Mrs. Eliza L. Merritt, Merion T. Webster and Mrs. Merton T. Webster.

An interesting booklet of Records and Papers of the Westerly Historical society, was distributed to the members. It contains the record of organization, the state charter, the list of members and the title of papers read before the society. The papers and authors are:

Cockey Hill, Ethan Wilcox, February 13, 1913. The First Settlers of Westerly, Mrs. LaCade Woodmansee, March 14, 1913. The Study of History, address by Prof. Wilfred H. Munro of Brown university, April 10, 1913. A Ramble Along the South Shore, Miss Julia E. Smith, May 10, 1913. Commodore Perry Anniversary, readings by Thomas Perry and others, October 9, 1913. Memorial Services for Thomas Millet, first mayor of New York, address by Miss Julia Smith, November 13, 1913. Prudence Crandall, Eliza C. Still, December 13, 1913. Kitchamaug, Mrs. William Hill, January 8, 1914. The Old Ford Across the Pawcatuck, Charles H. Pendleton, February 12, 1914. The Claim of Massachusetts to Misnaukicut, Byron J. Peckham, March 12, 1914. The Battle of Stonington, Miss Grace D. Wheeler, April 16, 1914. Extracts from manuscripts by Nelson B. Vars on the Dorr War, The War of 1812, The Old Indian Meeting House, read by Mrs. James O. Babcock, May 14, 1914. Lecture on The Most Successful American Privateer, by Prof. Wilfred H. Munro of Brown university, Oct. 8, 1914. Early Rhode Island Newspapers and Almanacs, George Parker Winslow, Nov. 15, 1914. Home Life in Old New England, Mrs. Albert N. Crandall, December 3, 1914. The Old Post Road, Mrs. Eliza E. Rogers of Norwich, January 14, 1915. The Old Hopkinton Road, its Houses and Their Occupants, Eliza C. Stillman, Feb. 15, 1915. The Dorr War, Miss Amelia Potter, from recollections of her father, the late Joseph H. Potter, December 15, 1915. Lecture on Japan, Edwin P. Wells of Newton Center, Mass., April 8, 1915. Plans and Progress of the Pawcatuck in Westerly and Vicinity, Mrs. E. B. Foster, May 12, 1915. Old Graveyards and Stones, George Leland Miner of Providence, October 14, 1915.

The booklet contains the full text of Mr. Wilcox's paper on Cockey Hill, which is illustrated with photographs of the Red schoolhouse, now 11 Union street, Indian academy, now 29 Granite street, the Pawcatuck academy, and Rhode Island fire house, and a composite picture of the Old Union Meeting house and the paper of Prudence Crandall and Her Work, by Eliza C. Stillman, is also printed in full an illustrated with the house in Hope Valley where Prudence Crandall Philles was born in 1803, the house being built in 1778. Another paper by Mr. Stillman is given in full, in Old Houses and Their Occupants on the Old Hopkinton Road. Three-quarters of a century ago, with an illustration of the Indian cave on the Polly Coon place in South Hopkinton.

The Rhode Island State Grange in annual session passed resolution recommending that the legislature establish a state police force, after many grangers told of the benefits to be derived from such an organization. The expropriation of the fourth degree was given by the women's degree team of Oak Lawn grange. State Deputy Amos Maker conferred the fifth degree upon 23 candidates, and worthy State Master Joseph A. Peckham bestowed the sixth degree upon forty-three candidates. Henry S. Turner of Greenville was elected to the executive committee for a term of three years.

The report of the treasurer showed a balance of \$300 more than last year. In addition to the annual dues, the ship at the Rhode Island State college, the Grange contributed \$50 each to the Corn show and to the Fruit show. The reports of grange masters showed the subordinate granges all in good condition. The choice of a place for the annual field day was deferred and left at the discretion of the executive committee.

Henry Robinson Palmer of Stonington and Alfred H. Gurney, formerly of New London, both connected with the Providence Journal and Zulletin, are among the incorporators of the Pen and Pencil club of Rhode Island. At the first annual meeting Mr. Gurney was elected secretary. The other officers are: James C. Garrison, of Providence, president; Frederick N. Luther of Providence, first vice president; Thomas M. Walsh, of Woonsocket, second vice president; Samuel M. Lincoln, of Providence, treasurer; Charles H. Howland, Horace G. Belcher, Arthur W. Talbot, and E. Jones, Charles B. Coppen, William H. Mason and D. Russell Brown of Providence and Archibald G. Adam and Henry Sandager of Pawcatuck were chosen a board of governors.

Representative Nesly has introduced a bill in congress for the incorporation of The Seventh Day Baptist general conference as a church organization with headquarters in the District of Columbia. Among the incorporators are these from Westerly and vicinity: Ira B. Crandall, Clayton A. Burdick, Samuel H. Davis, George Benjamin Litter, William L. Clarke, Albert S. Babcock, Ira E. Cottrell, Frank Hill, John F. Palmer and Edward B. Saunders.

Charles W. Willard, of Westerly, chairman of the Inland Fish commission, says that in order to protect the black bass, Stafford Pond near Tiverton, has been ordered closed by the commission. This action will enable the commissioners to inspect deputies to guard the pond and to end the limitations of New Bedford and Fall River fishermen. At the meeting held Thursday in the state capital, the commissioners devoted some time to the financial needs for the coming year and decided upon the budget to be presented to the general assembly. The report of the deputies showed that there had been twenty-seven prosecutions with fines amounting to \$16. Fifteen persons were fined under the lobster law to the extent of \$50, one was fined \$50 for beam

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trawling, three were fined \$6 for fishing on legally posted places, and three paid \$120 for taking short black bass.

William York died Friday morning at the Annapolis farm with his wife, he had made his home with his son, Courtland B. York, for the past 15 years. He is survived by his wife, Mary Wheeler, his daughter, Ellen, wife of Abel H. Stanton of New London, and son, Courtland B. York, also a brother, Edwin York of Hartford, Mich., and a sister, Mrs. William Slack of Mystic. He was married November 20, 1863, and Mr. and Mrs. York celebrated their golden wedding two years ago.

Mr. York was the son of William York and Mary Barber York, and was born April 15, 1835, and was therefore in his eighty-first year. He was born in a house at Pleasant View, on the site of the house now occupied by John L. Kenyon on the Shore road. He was the second in a family of eleven children, and a seventh direct descendant of James York who came from England to Virginia in 1635, and to Stonington in 1660, and settled on land under grant from Massachusetts. Stonington then being known as Southern Neck. The Annapolis farm, where William York died, was a part of the land granted by Massachusetts to his ancestors and one of the earlier Stonington settlements.

In early life Mr. York worked at farming and in the Civil war he served in Company E, Twenty-Sixth Connecticut Volunteers. After honorable discharge, he went to California. After two years, he returned to Westerly, learned the trade of blacksmith and for many years worked at the Smith Granite Company plant. He was a member of the First Baptist church in Westerly, and of Budlong post, Grand Army of the Republic.

Thirty-third grade pupils of the Chestnut Street school with their teacher, Miss Cora Josephine Leland, visited the Memorial and Library building Friday afternoon. After the pupils were shown through the library proper and the art room, they were escorted up stairs to the juvenile department, where they were received by Miss Alice E. Kennedy, who is in charge of that department, and her assistant, Miss Agnes Brodie. The children enjoyed the Christmas decorations and book exhibit, and then viewed stereoscopic pictures of How the World is Fed and Clothed and the Mutual Trading and General Pictures being fully explained by Miss Leland.

The fifty-second annual meeting of Pawcatuck lodge, F. and A. M., was held Friday night and these officers were elected: Walter D. Slynne, master; George O. Murphy, senior warden; Hadial I. Watson, junior warden; Elbert W. Clark, treasurer; Paul A. C. Thompson, secretary; Paul

Jennings, senior deacon; John T. Parker, junior deacon; Charles B. Anderson, steward; John T. Johnson, junior steward; Samuel Gilson, chairman; Arthur N. Nash, marshal; Robert J. H. Bethel, organist; and John E. Smith, tyler.

The officers-elect were installed by Deputy Grand Master Thomas McKeeney, assisted by Most Worshipful Arthur N. Nash.

The Societa Aperara Italiana di Mutuo Soccorso, elected officers in annual meeting: Vincent D. Pietro, president; Angelo Stella, vice president; Frank Gomena, second vice president; Joseph Gervasi, corresponding secretary; Michele Popola, treasurer; Battista Bottinelli, financial secretary; Stephen Farina, Antonio Berado, A. Trebas, J. Di Bortelo, A. Adimari, A. Croci, A. Scibile, F. Adimari, C. Arnone, S. Marsiglio, executive committee; C. Prestine, F. Alessio, C. Brusa, auditors.

Local Latencies.
Wilfred Utter, of Westerly, an American freshman, was one of the speakers at the class banquet.

Over five hundred entries have been received for the annual exhibition of the Smith County Poultry and Pet Stock association.

Major Arthur N. Nash gave a military talk to the social science class of the Westerly High school at the State Armory Friday morning. They have formed plots to destroy property, they have entered into conspiracies against the neutrality of the government, they have sought to pry into very confidential transactions of the government in order to serve interests alien to their own.

Senator Smith's resolution and Senator Lodge's amendment were referred to the foreign relations committee.

STEAMER PETROLITE HAS ARRIVED AT ALGIERS
Submarine Flying Austrian Flag Seized a Quantity of Provisions.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The American tank steamer Petrolite, attacked Sunday in the eastern Mediterranean by an Austrian submarine, arrived safely at Algiers today with the report that the submarine forcibly took her provisions.

Arrival of the tanker was reported to the state department late today in a consular despatch from Algiers. It said the captain told of being shelled when 19 hours out of Alexandria by a submarine flying the Austrian flag, which allowed him to proceed after examining his papers and selling a quantity of provisions. One seaman was slightly injured by a shell fragment.

The report did not say whether the steamer was warned and ordered to halt before the submarine opened fire.

SENATORIAL INVESTIGATION OF BOMB PLOTS PROPOSED

Senator Lodge Says "American Lives Are More Important Than American Dollars."

Washington, Dec. 10.—Senatorial investigation of bomb plots and other unneutral acts by citizens of the United States and inquiries into the law and facts in the attacks upon the steamers Gulflight, Falaba, Lusitania, Arabic, Ancona, Hesperian and Petrolite was proposed in the senate today by Senator Lodge.

Senator Lodge's proposal was submitted as an amendment to a resolution by Senator Francis Smith, asking investigation of British interference with neutral trade.

The Lodge resolution declared it was far more important that America should extend protection and security to American citizens than to American property.

"American lives are more important than American dollars," said Senator Lodge.

The body of an innocent child, the victim of an unarmed vessel, floating on the waters is a far more poignant and tragic spectacle than an unsold bale of cotton.

The Lodge resolution would have the committee investigate and report on the law and facts "referred to by the president of the United States in his annual message when he said, referring to certain persons: They have formed plots to destroy property, they have entered into conspiracies against the neutrality of the government, they have sought to pry into very confidential transactions of the government in order to serve interests alien to their own."

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On this question will hinge largely the nature of any representations which may be made by the United States to Austria. The seizure of provisions, however, is likely to be the subject of a vigorous protest, regardless of what happened before the tanker came to a stop and submitted to visit and search.

FIRE BROKE OUT AMONG 400 BALES OF COTTON

On Southern Pacific Railway Co's Piers in New York.

New York, Dec. 10.—Fire broke out late today among 400 bales of cotton awaiting shipment on the Southern Pacific Railway company's piers. The fire was got under control with great difficulty and was not completely extinguished until several hours after its discovery. The loss is estimated at \$20,000. The cause of the fire is unknown. The company refused to state whether the cotton was consigned to a European government or to a private firm.

DECREE OF SEPARATION FROM SENATOR HOLLIS

Granted by Superior Court to Mrs. Grace Fisher Hollis.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 10.—A decree of separation from her husband, United States Senator Henry F. Hollis of New Hampshire, was granted today by the superior court to Mrs. Grace Fisher Hollis, who was awarded custody of their daughter, Anne Hollis. Mrs. Hollis alleged that her husband abandoned her.

Reports an American Ship Torpedoed.
Washington, Dec. 10.—The American consul at Tripoli cables today he had a report of an American ship being torpedoed and sunk near Tobruk on Dec. 6. Officials construed his despatch as referring to the reports concerning the steamer Communipaw, since reported safe.

Brazil's Marine Policy.
Rio De Janeiro, Dec. 10.—The Brazilian government has issued a decree withdrawing all applications for the national merchant marine during the war. Among other measures adopted is one prohibiting the exportation of metals.

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EPIDEMIC OF SUICIDES AMONG GERMAN FORCES

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Petrograd, via London, Dec. 10, 11.30 p. m.—Another epidemic of suicides is reported among the German forces in the vicinity of Dvinsk by prisoners captured in that region, according to the Birzhevaya Vedomosty, an afternoon daily newspaper. Nine officers, including the commander of a battalion, are said to have ended their lives within a period of twelve days. "Cold and hardships of the campaign are alleged to be the cause."

Polish and Serbian landsturm captured from the Austro-German forces along the southern front report that a new alignment of Austro-Germans has been removed to forage food and stores from the captured territory at points near the frontier.

East Hartford.—Plans for the annual banquet of Division No. 1, A. O. H., are being made, and the banquet will probably take place on the evening before St. Patrick's day.

ELKS HOME COLUMBUS. O.

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